1, Wills

Question A

1. Johan and Catherine Maintzer

I have not found information about this couple beyond that found in the surname file at the Lancaster County Historical Society. Unfortunately, the source of the documents is not fully stated.

2. Conrad and Elizabeth Mentzer

(a) Where did they live in America?

They may well have lived in other places, but he bought land in Cocalico Township in 1760 and 1773. Both deeds were recorded on 7 August 1775 in Deed Book S. Copies of the retyped record from pages 202 through 205 are enclosed.

In the deed from Leonard Moma there is mention of the warrent to Nicholas Zimmerman. I looked for this information at the Bureau of Land Records in Harrisburg but could not find the record.

His will in 1781 describes him as being "of Cocallico Township." This was an area including present day Ephrata and East and West Cocalico Townships and the northern portion of West Earl Township.

(b) When did they die?

We know that Conrad died between 10 August 1781 when he made his will and 18 August 1781 when it was proved (Will Book D, Volume 1, pages 140-142).

His wife Elizabeth married again--a fact that was not in MFG.* She married Peter Zeller sometime before she joined him in a release dated 13 January 1792 (Deed Book PP [Volume 2], pages 131 and 132) and a second dated 25 August 1798 (Deed Book E, Volume 3, pages 123 and 124). A partial transcript of the 1798 release is enclosed.

(c) Where are they buried?

I have not properly researched this question. I would like to more specifically locate where they lived first. It should be possible to identify.

(d) What was his occupation?

In his will he describes himself as "yeoman" or farmer.

Copies of the wills of Conrad Meinzer (1781), Frederic Mentzer (1848) and Isreal Weidman Mentzer (1883) are enclosed. I can find no record of the estate of John Mentzer (1868) in the Lancaster County Courthouse.

* MFG = "Mentzer Family Genealogy" by Dr. J.F. Mentzer

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